

WELCOME

TO EIGHTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

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Background

I earned a Bachelor's degree in English and English Secondary Education at The College of New Jersey. While getting my degree at TCNJ, I also played competitive tennis for their women's tennis team. I have been teaching at VMS for eleven years, and each year makes me feel more blessed and grateful I am an educator at such a phenomenal school.

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- PATANJALI

What We Will Be Learning This Unique School Year

In Literacy this year, the focus will be mastering the Grade 8 Common Core Standards. In order to be prepared for their high school English classes, the students will be analyzing and mimicking genres of writing. The genres of writing will be as follows: poetry, memories, literary analysis, persuasive, and resumes.

My class is writing intensive, but I always give students time to work on assignments during class—allowing me to have writing and reading conferences with each one of my students. Additionally, students will be doing a research paper in the middle of the school year.



CLASS PROCEDURES

HOMework

Homework will be assigned almost every night. Additionally, students are expected to write their Writer's Notebook at least twice a week on their own. Homework and upcoming assignments are posted on my Google classroom.

MISSED/LATE WORK

Late daily homework is automatically deducted and may not be accepted after two days.

Assignments and projects that are late get a 9 point deduction everyday they are not submitted.

PARTICIPATION AND EFFORT

Your consistent and meaningful contributions are important to both you and your classmates. It is also a test score at the end of each marking period.

Extra Help

Schedule a day in advance to have a Google Meet with me.

It is your responsibility to make up the work you missed. Utilize my Google Classroom for any information you may need.

Expectations

- Be kind and supportive of and your classmates.
- Ask questions!
- Do your best and show effort in all that you do.
- Talk to me if you're having trouble in my class or with anything else.
- Enjoy your last chapter at VMS—make memories everyday!

